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SUBJ: MRS. CARTER'S VISIT - MEDIA REACTION REPORT

MRS. CARTER'S VISIT RECEIVED EXCELLENT COVERAGE IN LIMA NEWSPAPERS
JUNE 6 AS THE FIRST LADY ENDS HER VISIT TO PERU. PERUVIAN INV-
ITATION TO PRESIDENT CARTER TO VISIT PERU RECEIVES WIDESPREAD
COVERAGE.

1. LA CRONICA. PAPER CARRIES FRONT PAGE PHOTO OF MRS. CARTER
IN THE FUNICULAR AT GRANJA AZUL. ACCOMPANYING STORY HEADED:
"ROSALYNN CARTER LEAVES FOR BRAZIL TODAY," AND SUBHEADS: "WIFE
OF PRESIDENT OF THE U.S. ATTENDED CATHOLIC MASS." STORY
SAYS: "AFTER A CORDIAL THREE DAY VISIT WHICH SHALL HAVE POSITIVE
REPERCUSSIONS ON RELATIONS BETWEEN PERU AND THE U.S., THE WIFE OF
THE NORTHAMERICAN PRESIDENT, ROSALYNN CARTER, SHALL LEAVE THIS
MORNING FOR BRAZILIA." ON PAGE TWO, UNDER HEADING:

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"STILL NO CONFIRMATION OF THE VISIT OF CARTER TO PERU," STORY QUOTES
FOREIGN MINISTER AS SAYING: "THAT THE PERUVIAN GOVERNMENT HAS
SENT AN INVITATION TO PRESIDENT CARTER TO COME TO PERU AS ANNOUNCED
BY THE PERUVIAN AMBASSADOR IN WASHINGTON." COLUMNIST, JUSTO
CHOQUEHUANCA, ALSO ON PAGE TWO, SAYS, "ISSUES OF CAPITAL IMPORT-
ANCE FOR THEIR RELATIONS AND A COORDINATED EFFORT FOR CONTINENTAL
WELL-BEING BETWEEN THE U.S. AND LATIN AMERICAN COUNTRIES WERE

CONSIDERED AT THE MEETING HELD SATURDAY AT GOVERNMENT PALACE. MRS. CARTER IS NOW THE DISPOSITIVE OF A BODY OF TRUTHS AND REVOLUTIONARY THOUGHTS WHICH SHALL MAKE IT POSSIBLE FOR THE PRESIDENT OF THE U.S. TO WORK ON HIS LATIN AMERICAN POLICY IN THE ASSURANCE THAT WHENEVER THIS POLICY CONTAINS HARMONY AND WORKS JOINTLY FOR THE HAPPINESS OF OUR PEOPLES IT SHALL HAVE PERU'S WILLING AND FRATERNAL PARTICIPATION." COMMENTARY CONCLUDES: "THE ASSURANCE RECEIVED FROM PRESIDENT MORALES BERMUDEZ HIMSELF AND REFLECTED IN THE POPULAR DEMONSTRATIONS WHICH HAVE SURROUNDED MRS. CARTER'S SPONTANEITY AND INTELLIGENCE UNDOUBTEDLY SHALL HAVE THEIR BEST SPOKESMAN IN SUCH A GREAT LADY." OTHER TWO STORIES WITH PHOTO ARE CARRIED ON PAGE THREE AND HEADLINED: "FIRST LADY OF THE U.S. SAYS GOODBYE TO PERU TODAY" AND "YESTERDAY, ROSALYNN SPENT A QUIET COUNTRY DAY."

2. EL COMERCIO. LEAD STORY FRONT PAGE HEADED: "THE FIRST LADY OF THE UNITED STATES LEAVES TODAY FOR BRAZIL" WITH SUBHEAD: "THE PRESIDENT'S WIFE SHALL SEE HER OFF AT THE 8TH AIR GROUP BASE." SECOND STORY, FRONT PAGE HEADED: "CARTER MAINTAINS HIS INTENTION OF MAKING A VISIT TO PERU, STATED THE MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS." IN STORY, FOREIGN MINISTER CONFIRMS THAT "SO FAR THERE IS NO CONFIRMATION ON WHEN HE WOULD ARRIVE. WHAT WE DO KNOW IS THAT HE IS WILLING TO TRAVEL." TWO PHOTOS AND TWO ADDITIONAL STORIES RUN ON PAGE FOUR. STORIES HEADED: "ROSALYNN CARTER HAD COMMUNION YESTERDAY AT GRANJA AZUL CHAPEL," AND "PERUVIAN SUBMARINE FLEET GAVE A PRESENT TO J. CARTER." LATTER STORY SAYS GIFT - A SILVER PLAQUE - WAS PRESENTED "BY PERUVIAN SUBMARINERS TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE U.S. WHO ALSO SERVED IN U.S. SUBMARINES." ON PAGE SEVEN, EL COMERCIO HAS ARTICLE ON PUBLIC REACTION TO VISIT. FAVORABLE UNCLASSIFIED

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STORY HEADED: "PUBLIC HIGHLIGHTS THE SIGNIFICANCE OF ROSALYNN CARTER'S VISIT." SAMPLE REACTION: "SHE IS FIRST LADY THAT IS APPROACHING THE POLICY TOWARDS LATIN AMERICAN PEOPLES WITH THE BEST, COMPREHENSIVE AND DEMOCRATIC CRITERIA," "HER PRESENCE SHALL UNDOUBTEDLY STRENGTHEN HER COUNTRY'S RELATIONS WITH OURS AND SHALL SURELY HAVE INFLUENCE ON HER HUSBAND FUTURE COOPERATION BETWEEN THE U.S. AND PERU."

3. LA PRENSA. FRONT PAGE STORY ENTITLED: "ROSALYNN CARTER FINISHES HER VISIT TO PERU TODAY." STORY RECAP OF MRS. CARTER'S ACTIVITIES THROUGHOUT HER VISIT. OTHER FRONT PAGE STORY HEADED: "PRESIDENT CARTER IS WILLING TO COME TO PERU," QUOTING AGAIN THE MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS. FURTHER DOWN IN STORY, FOREIGN MINISTER IS QUOTED AS SAYING: "IT WAS A GREAT PLEASURE TO HAVE HER IN OUR COUNTRY...REFERS TO MRS. CARTER AS, "HIGHLY COMPETENT AS HAVING SHOWN FULL KNOWLEDGE OF LATIN AMERICAN PROBLEMS." FOREIGN MINISTER ADDS: "I FEEL THAT SHE SHALL FAITHFULLY INTERPRET FOR HER HUSBAND ALL THE CONVERSATIONS HELD WITH THE LEADERS OF THE COUNTRIES SHE HAS VISITED." PAGE TWO STORY QUOTES ANDRES

TOWNSEND EXCURRA, ONE OF THE LEADERS OF THE APRA POLITICAL PARTY, AS SAYING: "MRS. CARTER'S STATEMENTS ON U.S. G'S INTEREST FOR RESPECT FOR HUMAN RIGHTS ARE VERY ENCOURAGING FOR THESE RIGHTS ALSO INCLUDE POLITICAL RIGHTS."

4. OJO. MAIN HEADLINE FRONT PAGE: "ROSALYNN SAYS GOODBYE TO LIMA TODAY: "PERU INVITES JIMMY CARTER." STORIES FOLLOW ON PAGES TWO AND THREE. ALSO PAGE TWO STORY HEADED: "SHE SPOKE WITH HER HUSBAND BY TELEPHONE" AND NOTES THAT THE CALL WAS PLACED AT 8:00 P.M. AND LASTED FOR LESS THAN TEN MINUTES. OTHER HEADLINE PAGE THREE: "DE LA PUENTE: ROSALYNN, A VERY COMPETENT PROFESSIONAL." OJO USES THREE PHOTOS OF MRS. CARTER IN ITS CENTER SPREAD.

5. EXPRESO. HAS TOP FRONT PAGE BANNER HEADLINE: "BON VOYAGE, SENORA ROSALYNN," WITH PHOTO OF MRS. CARTER WAVING. CAPTION OF PHOTO READS: "FAITHFUL BEARER OF THE HOPES AND PURPOSES OF PERU AND THE GOVERNMENTS SHE HAS VISITED... SHE HAS REALLY BECOME A UNCLASSIFIED

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GREAT AMBASSADOR FOR HER HUSBAND AND IS FULLY KNOWLEDGEABLE OF LATIN AMERICAN PROBLEMS." TWO ADDITIONAL STORIES ON PAGE TWO. ONE SUBHEADS: "AMBASSADRES OF FRIENDSHIP." INTERVIEW WITH FOREIGN MINISTER ALSO CARRIED ON PAGE THREE WITH HEADING: "MRS. CARTER IS A FAITHFUL BEARER OF OUR HOPES." REMAINDER OF PAGE THREE ALSO DEVOTED TO VISIT, ACCOMPANIED BY TWO PHOTOS, WHILE FOUR ADDITIONAL PHOTOS ARE RUN ON PAGE FOUR.

5. CORREO. USES FRONT PAGE PHOTO OF MRS. CARTER WATCHING MRS. VANCE CUT HER BIRTHDAY CAKE AT GRANJA AZUL. SECOND PAGE DEVOTED ENTIRELY TO MRS. CARTER'S VISIT. HEADLINES: "CARTER WILL COME" AND "ROSALYNN ATTENDS MASS." TWO COLUMN CHIT-CHAT ARTICLE ENTITLED: "A MAGNOLIA IN LIMA" RESERVED ENTIRELY TO VISIT. BANNER HEADLINE ACROSS PAGE THREE READS: "FIRST LADY OF THE U.S. LIVED A REAL SUNDAY." SUBHEAD: "SHE GOT UP LATE, WENT TO MASS, HAD COMMUNION, WENT SHOPPING."

6. TELEVISION AND RADIO. RADIO AND TV RAN RECAPS ON PRINCIPLE ACTIVITIES OF MRS. CARTER DURING HER VISIT. CHANNEL 5, IN BRIEF COMMENTARY, CALLED HER VISIT "A SUCCESS." HANSEN

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